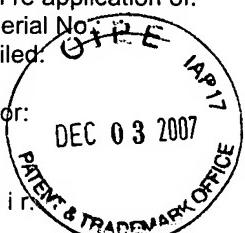


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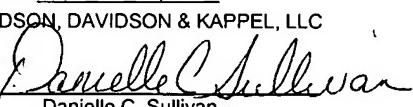
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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.41

Sir:

Appellants submit this Reply Brief for consideration of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (the “Board”) in response to the Examiner’s Answer dated September 28, 2007 and in support of their appeal of the Final Rejection dated February 28, 2007. Appellants respectfully reassert each of the arguments asserted in Appellants’ Brief dated July 30, 2007, and provides herein only a rebuttal of several of the arguments raised in the Examiner’s Answer.

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ARGUMENTS

The following additional remarks are submitted for consideration by the Board under 37 CFR §41.41.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**Rejections**

Claims 8 to 10, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Basso (FR 2807481 A1). Claims 8 to 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rispeter et al. (US 4,966,270).

Rejections under Basso

In addition to the arguments already presented, the Examiner's answer is clearly deficient in that the fastening member 14 of Basso does not space the clutch covers from one another as asserted in claim 8. Clutch plate 49 is clearly not a fastening member. Basso states "Both mechanisms 46 and 47 are, in this embodiment, fastened in the ring shaped portion 13 of the wheel by fastening 14, also implemented for the clutch plate." Fastening 14 does not space the clutch covers from one another.

Rejections under Rispeter

Claim 8 recites clearly "a fastening member for coupling the clutch covers to one another, the fastening member coupling the clutch covers to one another and spacing the clutch covers from one another." Casing part 2 of Rispeter et al. clearly is not a fastening member but part of a cover, which is a separately claimed element.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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